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Classified By: Political/Econ Counselor Edgard D. Kagan: Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

¶1. (S) On September 8, Jane Hardy, Director of Arms Control Section, Arms Control and Counter-Proliferation Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) told poloff that the GOA agreed that the IAEA's report on Iran's and Syria's nuclear programs did not give either country a clean bill of health. Iran's acceptance of two pro forma requests in no way excuses its persistent refusal to answer the IAEA's questions about its weaponization activities. Syria more blatantly is illegitimately hiding behind military excuses to avoid giving the IAEA answers to its inquiries.

¶2. (S) The GOA will convey its support in all appropriate fora for the IAEA's investigations, and the GOA calls on Iran and Syria to cooperate with the IAEA and to implement the additional protocol.

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